

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

### Alpine County Resource Management Plan Amendment Environmental Analysis EA-NV-CCFO-030-07-02

The Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment (NV-CCFO-030-2007-02) consider two alternatives. These alternatives include Alternative 1, No Action-Continuation of Current Management and Alternative 2, Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA).

The Proposed RMPA includes the following:

#### Lands

- Pursue revocation and restoration to the operation of the public land laws and general mining laws Bureau of Reclamation and BLM withdrawals located along the Snowshoe Thompson Ditch encumbering 80 acres located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , T. 11 N, R. 19 E. of Section 25, T. 11 N., R. 19 E.
- Designate 17,725 acres for retention in public ownership under the administration of the BLM.
- Designate 955 acres for disposal to Alpine County for public and recreational purposes under the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act of 1926, (as amended).

#### Trails and Travel Management

- Designate 5,521 of public lands as Motorized Use Limited to Designated Roads and Trails.
  - Designate 894 acres in the Fay-Luther Canyon area as Closed to Motorized Vehicle Travel. Administrative access would be authorized when necessary.
  - Designate 268 acres within the Indian Creek Recreation Withdrawal area as Closed to Motorized Vehicle Travel and public access. This proposed closure specifically pertains to South Tahoe Public Utility District existing right-of-way, CA-13255.
  - Designate 5,143 acres in Bagley Valley as Limited to Designated Roads and Trails.
  - Designate 378 acres within Bagley Valley as Closed to Motorized Vehicle Travel.
  - Designate 2,375 acres in the Slinkard Wilderness Study Area Closed to Motorized Vehicles regardless of Wilderness status.
  - Designate 550 acres in the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness Study Area Closed to Motorized Vehicle Travel regardless of Wilderness status.
  - Roads, primitive roads, and/or trails designated within the network may be altered through adaptive management with segments closed, realigned, or added when conditions warrant.
  - Designate a preliminary network of roads, primitive roads, and trail network(s) on approximately 4 miles of nonmotorized and 6.8 miles of motorized linear miles. Motorized vehicles under administrative authorization could access the portion of the nonmotorized road beginning at Curtz Lake and ending at Summit Lake.
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- An inventory and assessment of roads, primitive roads, and trails not identified in the preliminary network would be completed by 2009.
- A completed roads, primitive roads, and trails network would be established through travel management planning by 2010. Should any new roads or trails need to be constructed, further NEPA would be required.
- Factors to consider in further documenting and designating the roads, primitive roads, and trails network may include, but are not limited to:
  - Road, primitive road, or trail densities;
  - Soil erosion;
  - Water quality;
  - Utility rights-of-way;
  - Cultural resources;
  - Threatened & endangered plants and animals;
  - Invasive non-native plants and noxious weeds;
  - Priority species and habitats;
- Roads needed through special authorizations or for administrative purposes such as, but not limited to, fuel wood sales, traditional cultural uses, search and rescue, fire suppression, livestock grazing, would be allowable.
- Areas not yet inventoried would be managed as limited to existing roads and trails for all motorized travel until designations and signing are completed.

#### Livestock Grazing

- Harvey Flat, Indian Creek (CA portion only) and Millberry Canyon Grazing Allotments – BLM managed lands in these allotments would not be available for livestock grazing use.
- Sheep grazing would continue to be permitted on the Bagley Valley Allotment.

Based on the analysis of the Proposed RMPA and Environmental Analysis, EA-CCFO-030-2007-02, I have determined that the actions will not have a significant impact on the human environment and an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

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